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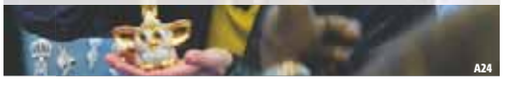

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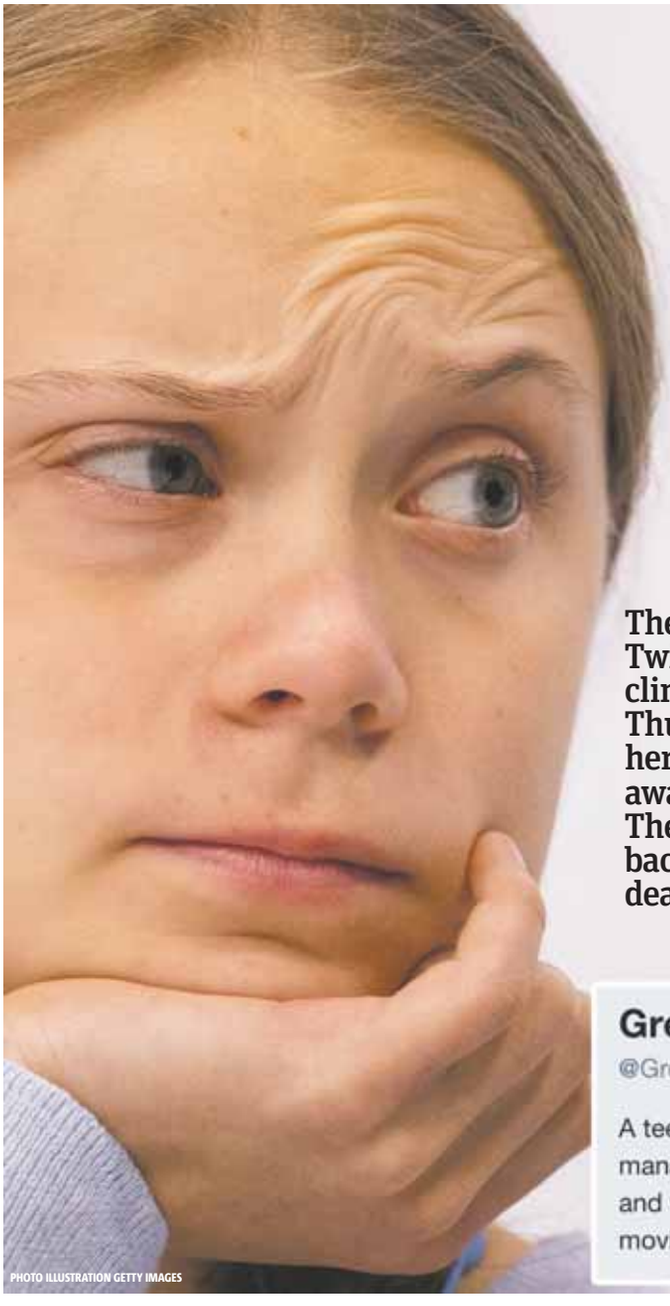

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The president has taken to Twitter — again — to mock climate activist Greta Thunberg, seemingly irked by her Time Person of the Year award win earlier this week. The 16-year-old Swede fired back in characteristically deadpan style. 4

Greta Thunberg
@GretaThunberg
A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old fashioned movie with a friend.

8 THINGS TO KNOW

Emergency personnel and investigators work at the scene the day after an hours-long gun battle with two men around a kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey on December 11, 2019. REUTERS

FBI investigating New Jersey kosher grocery rampage as domestic terrorism

The grocery store was deliberately targeted.

A fatal gun rampage at a kosher grocery store in northern New Jersey this week is now being treated as an act of domestic terrorism and the FBI will oversee the investigation, federal and state law enforcement officials said on Thursday.

Six people, including the man and woman who carried out the attack, three civilians and a police officer died in a series of events that ended in a police shootout on Tuesday in Jersey City, New Jersey, located across the Hudson River from New York City.

"The evidence points toward acts of hate," state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal told a news conference. "We are investigating this matter as potential acts of domestic terror, fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs."

The U.S. attorney for New Jersey, Craig Carpenito, told the news conference that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would lead the probe.

The four-hour gun battle at the JC Kosher Supermarket erupted after two assailants shot the police officer at a nearby cemetery and then fled in a white van. It ended after police crashed an armored vehicle through the wall of the market. Authorities on Wednesday said that the pair had targeted the kosher grocery store, heading there deliberately after leaving the cemetery.

On Thursday, authorities said they were examining social media posts and other evidence to learn more about the motives of the attackers, who they said had expressed interest in the Black Hebrew Israelites, a group unaffiliated with mainstream Judaism and some of whose offshoots the Southern Poverty Law Center lists as hate groups. Authorities have not established an official link between the shooters and the group, Grewal said.

The attackers appear to have acted alone, officials said.

Authorities on Wednesday identified the shooters as David Anderson, 47, and Francine Graham, 50. The three civilian victims inside the market were co-owner Mindy Ferencz, 31, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez, 49, and Moshe Deutsch, 24, they said.

A fourth person who was in the market escaped after the shooters entered. Officials declined to identify that person.

The slain police officer was identified as Joseph Seals, a 15-year veteran of the force and father of five.

Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop labeled the incident a hate crime just hours after the attack.

"I think as more info comes out it will be more and more clear not only that this was a hate crime but that the perpetrators had hoped to kill many more people than 4," Fulop said on Twitter earlier.

Law enforcement recovered five guns linked to the two suspects, Grewal said. Four of them were recovered inside the kosher supermarket and one was recovered inside the van.

Officials said Anderson fired an AR-15-style weapon and Graham was armed with a 12-gauge shotgun as they entered the store. A 9mm Glock and 9mm semi-automatic firearm were recovered inside the market, and a .22-caliber gun equipped with a homemade silencer was found inside the U-Haul.

Authorities also said they were working to determine if Anderson and Graham were linked to the killing of an Uber driver in Bayonne, New Jersey, over the weekend. REUTERS

"We are investigating this matter as potential acts of domestic terror, fueled both by anti-Semitism and anti-law enforcement beliefs."

State Attorney General Gurbir Grewal

MLB removes marijuana from 'drugs of abuse'

2 Major League Baseball (MLB) will remove marijuana from its list of banned substances and players who test positive for opioids, fentanyl, cocaine and synthetic THC under random drug tests will be referred for treatment before being disciplined, the league's updated drug policy announced on Thursday. The sweeping changes, which take effect from Spring Training in 2020, "favor a treatment-based approach to Drugs of Abuse," according to the joint announcement from the MLB and its players' union. The updated policy comes months after the shock death of 27-year-old Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs, whose autopsy showed oxycodone, fentanyl, and alcohol in his system. Commissioner Rob Manfred told reporters on Wednesday that Skaggs' death was "was a motivating factor." REUTERS

Weinstein accuser challenges $25 million settlement

3 A lawyer for one of the women who brought lawsuits accusing Harvey Weinstein of sexual misconduct said Thursday that a proposed $25 million settlement for most of the Hollywood producer's alleged victims was unfair and designed to pressure her into accepting it. Thomas Giuffra, who represents actress Alexandra Canosa, said after a hearing in Manhattan federal court that the accord set aside just $500,000 for his client, and that the money could be used to pay for Weinstein's legal defense if she did not accept it. "Either you take the money or we're going to give the guns to the man who raped you," Giuffra said. Canosa intends to persist with her individual lawsuit against Weinstein. Weinstein has been accused of sexual misconduct dating back decades by more than 70 women. REUTERS

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1 bedroom		$869	7	→	1 person	$25,303 - $29,880
					2 people	$25,303 - $34,160
					3 people	$25,303 - $38,440
Unit Size		**Monthly Rent[1]**	**Units Available**		**Household Size[2]**	**Annual Household Income[3]** *Minimum – Maximum*[4]
1 bedroom	60% Area Median Income (AMI) Units	$1,017	6	→	1 person	$37,577 - $44,820
					2 people	$37,577 - $51,240
					3 people	$37,577 - $57,660
2 bedroom		$1,230	3	→	2 people	$44,914 - $51,240
					3 people	$44,914 - $57,660
					4 people	$44,914 - $64,020
					5 people	$44,914 - $69,180
Unit Size		**Monthly Rent[1]**	**Units Available**		**Household Size[2]**	**Annual Household Income[3]** *Minimum – Maximum*[4]
Studio	130% Area Median Income (AMI) Units	$2,000[5]	3	→	1 person	$71,177 - $97,110
					2 people	$71,177 - $111,020
1 bedroom		$2,200	2	→	1 person	$78,137 - $97,110
					2 people	$78,137 - $111,020
					3 people	$78,137 - $124,930

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Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg watches as U.S. President Donald Trump enters the United Nations to speak with reporters in a still image from video taken in New York City, U.S. on September 23, 2019. REUTERS

Trump mocks teen climate activist Thunberg: 'Chill Greta, Chill'

Thunberg was chosen as Time's Person of the Year for 2019.

> **"She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!"**
>
> Donald Trump in September

U.S. President Donald Trump reprised his ridicule of 16-year-old Greta Thunberg on Thursday after the Swedish climate activist was named Time's Person of the Year for 2019.

Thunberg won the magazine's annual honorific on Wednesday for her work inspiring millions of young people to take action against climate change.

"So ridiculous. Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend! Chill Greta, Chill!" Trump, 73, wrote on Twitter, commenting on another person's tweet congratulating Thunberg.

Thunberg responded by updating her Twitter biography to include: "A teenager working on her anger management problem. Currently chilling and watching a good old-fashioned movie with a friend."

The spat, which propelled Thunberg to trend on Twitter with several hashtags, came on the fourth anniversary of the Paris climate pact that Trump withdrew from soon after taking office.

It was not the first time the Republican president targeted Thunberg.

In September, Trump retweeted a clip of the teenager's speech to a United Nations climate summit in which she angrily denounced world leaders for failing to tackle climate change by demanding: "How dare you?"

His sarcastic commentary: "She seems like a very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!"

Thunberg also changed her Twitter biography following that slight to describe herself as "A very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future."

Thunberg had also been a contender for the Nobel Peace Prize, an honor Trump covets.

Trump himself received the Time magazine designation in 2016 after he won the U.S. presidential election over Democrat Hillary Clinton. REUTERS

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Studio		$571	4	→	1 person	$21,978 - $37,350
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Unit Size	60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Monthly Rent[1]	Units Available		Household Size[2]	Annual Household Income[3] Minimum – Maximum[4]
Studio		$707	16	→	1 person	$26,640 - $44,820
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Homes and Community Renewal

Tessa Rane Majors, as seen in a photo on her Instagram page. VIA INSTAGRAM

Barnard student, 18, stabbed to death in Morningside Park

Authorities believe freshman Tessa Rane Majors was killed as a result of an armed robbery.

MORGAN ROUSSEAU
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A Barnard College student was fatally stabbed Wednesday night in an apparent armed robbery just blocks from the Manhattan campus.

Investigators on Thursday were searching for suspects in the murder of 18-year-old Tessa Majors, a first-year college student from Virginia. Her body was discovered by a security guard Wednesday near an entrance to Morningside Park at West 116th St. and Morningside Ave., according to reports. No arrests had been made as of Thursday afternoon.

"The close-knit community at Barnard College is in shock right now. We've lost a young woman full of potential in a senseless act of violence," said Mayor Bill de Blasio on Twitter. "I want every student and every member of faculty to know your city will be with you in the days ahead."

De Blasio added that the city would immediately increase the NYPD presence in the area.

Authorities believe Majors was stabbed multiple times in an apparent armed robbery. A witness reportedly told police that they saw a group of four to five men approach Majors before her death, and a struggle ensued. She suffered multiple stab wounds, and was pronounced dead at a local hospital. She did not have a purse or wallet on her when she was found, according to officers, and her cell phone was discovered a short distance away. Investigators also found a knife near the scene, but it was not clear whether or not that was the murder weapon.

Now, police are pleading with the public to help them find answers.

"Last night's murder of a young woman near Morningside Park is despicable, unacceptable — and goes against everything NYC stands for," said NYPD Chief Terence Monahan, adding that detectives "are working tirelessly to bring those responsible to justice."

Police are asking anyone with information to contact @NYPDTips at #800577TIPS.

An investigator with knowledge of the case told NBC New York that police are probing wheather the attack may be connected to another nearby robbery from Dec. 5. In that incident, a 19-year-old man was robbed near 114th St. and Riverside Dr. by two men who fled the park afterward.

BRIEF

2-year-old struck and killed in subway station

Wednesday night, a 2-year-old boy was struck by an oncoming train at the Fulton Street subway station.

ABC reports the incident occurred at around 5:30 p.m.

The NYPD told outlets the little boy was walking ahead of his 20-year-old mother, who was holding bags. They entered the platform as the train entered the station.

It was reported that the 2-year-old's foot slipped off the platform, which caused him to fall between the moving train and the platform.

NBC reported the child was sent to New York-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. Crew members were also taken to a hospital as a precaution.

CBS reports authorities had to use airbags to get the train off the child. However, they also reported that commuters and MTA officials tried to push the train off the child.

The MTA posted a tweet about the incident, which read, "All of us here at the Rail Control Center are heartbroken for the family involved in tonight's incident. We cannot imagine their pain, and we cannot adequately convey our thoughts in 280 characters, so we'll just remind everyone out there to be kind and take care of one another."

Attached to the tweet, there was a statement about the incident, "NYC Transit and NYPD are investigating a tragic incident at Fulton Street Station where a young boy became separated from his mother and was struck by a northbound number 2 train at 5:36 p.m. The circumstances surrounding the incident remain under investigation. Our hearts break for the family and the MTA is praying for them."

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					3 people	$72,858 - $124,930
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There's still time to *spread the magic*

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The Metro Magic, that is.

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Thanks to generous donations from readers like you, Tony's Metro Magic has already collected an abundance of toys for local children in need. And as our annual holiday toy drive comes to a close, we wanted to offer one last reminder that it's not too late to donate.

This is the tenth year Metro has held the toy drive, which was named after our late Editor-in-Chief and the drive's creator, Tony Metcalf. Our Boston Metro Magic toy drive recently ended, however, our drives in New York City and Philadelphia are still open, but not for long. In fact, Friday is the last day to order toys for NYC children. Philadelphia's drive closes on Sunday.

"We have received many packages from you all, thank you so much!!" said Jessica Rojas of New York's Coalition for the Homeless, which is where NYC's Metro Magic donations are shipped. In addition to toys, donations of bedding, coats and diapers are also needed, and are available on our customized Target wishlists.

Philadelphia's donations will go to the Institute for the Development of African-American Youth (IDAAY).

To donate in New York City, visit **tgt.gifts/metronyc2019**. Please note that the deadline to donate to the NYC charity is Dec. 13.

If you wish to donate, you may visit the link, choose items and pay online using Target's secure payment system. Your gifts, along with your name attached, will be automatically delivered to the charities' collection locations.

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British PM Johnson to win a majority of 86: exit poll

Brexit transition promised before end of 2020.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party will win a majority of 86 seats in Britain's election, giving him the numbers in parliament he needs to deliver Brexit on Jan. 31, an exit poll indicated on Thursday.

The exit poll showed Johnson's Conservatives would win 368 seats, enough for a comfortable outright majority in the 650-seat parliament. Labour were forecast to win 191 seats, the Scottish National Party 55 seats and the Liberal Democrats 13.

Official results will be declared over the next seven hours.

In the last five national elections, only one exit poll has got the outcome wrong – in 2015 when the poll predicted a hung parliament when in fact the Conservatives won a majority, taking 14 more seats than forecast.

If Johnson's bet on a snap election has paid off, he will move swiftly to ratify the Brexit deal he struck with the European Union so that the United Kingdom can leave on Jan. 31 – 10 months later than initially planned.

Johnson called the first Christmas election since 1923 to break what he said was the paralysis of Britain's political system after more than three years of crisis over how, when or even if to leave the European Union.

The face of the "Leave" campaign in the 2016 referendum, 55-year-old Johnson fought the election under the slogan of "Get Brexit Done," promising to end the deadlock and spend more on health, education and the police.

The exit poll was produced by three broadcasters – the BBC, ITV and Sky – who teamed up to jointly produce similar surveys in the last three elections, held in 2010, 2015 and 2017.

In 2010 and 2017, their exit polls accurately predicted the overall outcome and were close to forecasting the correct number of seats for the two main parties. However in 2015, it predicted a hung parliament when in fact the Conservatives won a majority, taking 14 more seats than forecast.

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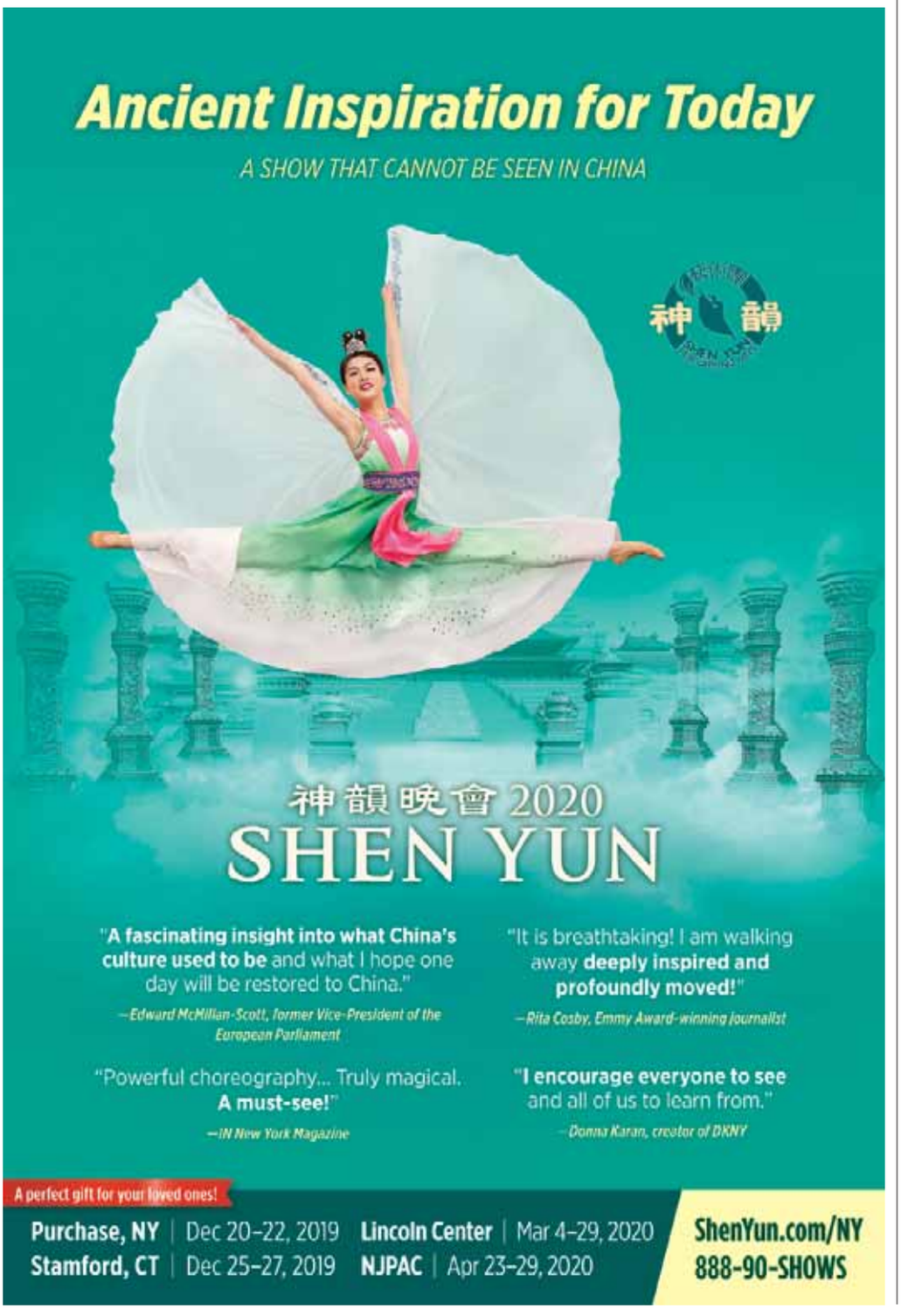
Johnson's strategy was to breach Labour's so called "Red Wall" of seats across the Brexit-supporting areas of the Midlands and northern England where he cast his political opponents as the out-of-touch enemies of Brexit.

While a majority will allow Johnson to lead the United Kingdom out of the club it first joined in 1973, Brexit is far from over: He faces the daunting task of negotiating a trade agreement with the EU in just 11 months.

After Jan. 31 Britain will enter a transition period during which it will negotiate a new relationship with the EU27.

This can run until the end of December 2022 under the current rules, but the Conservatives made an election promise not to extend the transition period beyond the end of 2020. REUTERS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Lip injections spike around the holidays, says plastic surgeon

Lip injections may cause swelling for up to 3 days, so plan your holiday parties accordingly. ISTOCK

Between kisses under the mistletoe and that midnight kiss on New Year's Eve, it may come as no surprise that beauty experts claim lip injectables are on the rise as the holidays approach.

Metro spoke with Dr. Norman Rowe, M.D., a board-certified plastic surgeon with Rowe Plastic Surgery who said he has seen a dramatic spike in lip injections this holiday season, a trend attributed to holiday parties, visits with friends and family and Christmas card photos.

"To get ready for the holidays, I see quite a few more people requesting quick touch-ups as they prepare for all of the social events of the season. From company holiday parties to hoping to get a New Year's Eve kiss, patients are getting ready to look and feel their best," Dr. Rowe said.

When it comes to lip injections, beauty mogul Kylie Jenner often comes to mind. Although Jenner went bigger and bolder with her altered lips, Dr. Rowe mentioned that not all patients are that brave. Dr. Rowe said that some patients have a "bigger is better mentality while others, especially this holiday season, like a subtly-enhanced look more."

Although most people think all lip injections are highly noticeable like Jenner's, Dr. Rowe said that natural-looking lips are also achievable via lip injections, and can help balance out a patient's features.

"Generally, achieving natural-looking lips is about accentuating what patients already have as opposed to building more," he said. "It's about enhancing the shape of the cupid's bow and the curve of the upper and lower lips as well as ensuring the lip size and shape is balanced with the other facial features using the golden ratio."

> **"Seeking cheaper options is not the way to go when it comes to your health. Nothing can ruin your holidays like a botched cosmetic treatment on something as visible as your lips."**
>
> **Dr. Norman Rowe, M.D.**

If you're interested in lip injections, whether bold or natural is your preference, Dr. Rowe advises going to a physician trained in plastic surgery.

"No one knows better on the aesthetics of the lips than a plastic surgeon," he said. "Seeking cheaper options is not the way to go when it comes to your health. Nothing can ruin your holidays like a botched cosmetic treatment on something as visible as your lips."

Gifting yourself a lip injection will set you back around $500. As for what to expect at the office visit, most lip fillers come pre-packaged and have anesthesia in them, so they might not be as painful as one would expect. But know that after an injection, lips could be swollen for up to three days.

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'Uncut Gems' is a pure shot of adrenaline and the role of a lifetime for Adam Sandler

The new film by the Safdie Brothers is an instant classic. **PAT KING**

It's a common cliche to describe an intense film as an "edge of your seat" experience. But the sensation that the Safdie Brothers have created in their newest film, "Uncut Gems," could be better described as your body contorting in ways that it usually would in order to flee a dangerous situation.

The film, directed by brothers Benny and Josh and with writing help from Ronald Bronstein, is the follow-up to the creative unit's mesmerizing breakthrough "Good Time," which not only recontextualized Robert Pattinson as one of the most exciting actors on the planet but announced the Safdie Brothers as the new faces of gritty adrenaline-soaked cinema.

The new film follows Howard Ratner, played by Adam Sandler, a jeweler who runs an exclusive shop called KHM Gems and Jewelry tucked away in Midtown Manhattan's jewelry district. His high-profile clientele is mainly brought in by his associate Demany, played by Lakeith Stanfield, for gaudy watches and necklaces and are watched closely through a series of security cameras and buzzed in through magnet-triggered doors with bulletproof glass.

As we are first introduced to Howard, after the cameras zoom out of his colonoscopy, we quickly realize that his outer exterior is not much different from what we just saw. For every customer he has once he leaves the doctor's office, there is a new scheme. We see him hedge money that he doesn't have on bets and make empty promises

to the gangsters he owes money to. He is currently living in a flophouse apartment in the city away from his family on Long Island who he had left for his showroom clerk Julia, played by a magnetic Julia Fox. But one thing is for certain, he knows his stones. And as he finally receives a shipment of a rare uncut opal after "months of research," dug up from Ethiopian miners, Howard sees his biggest score glimmer right in front of his eyes.

As basketball legend Kevin Garnett, in the midst of the 2012 NBA Finals against the Philadelphia 76ers, becomes smitten with the stone during a visit to the shop, Howard tries to see how selling it to Garnett will benefit him in the best possible way. Even if it includes screwing over his partners, the gangsters that are looking to collect and completely losing his wife and kids on Long Island in the process.

In the hands of the Safdie Brothers, the feeling of claustrophobia in the city that Howard has created feels like a new pile of dirt being thrown on top of him as he is laying in his own grave. You quickly realize that there is a difference between empathizing his decisions and simply not being able to look away from the disastrous brush fire of a life that taints everything he touches. There is no other movie that has come out this year that makes you feel quite as deeply as "Uncut Gems." Even though that feeling can at times make you as uncomfortable as Howard's procedure in the beginning of the film, it is as invigorating as nearly avoiding a head-on car collision.

Sandler's performance is monumental. As a focused actor, he has always had a supernatural ability to embody a unique blend of vulnerability with simmering rage in his work, as evident in dramatic roles like Paul Thomas Anderson's "Punch-Drunk Love" and recently in Noah Baumbach's "The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)." But the sheer power and ferociousness he is able to harness as he drags the viewer through Howard's delusional "win big" pipe dreams is simply awe-inspiring. This is the performance that will forever silence the doubters of Adam Sandler. Opera man can act his ass off. Give this man the Oscar he deserves.

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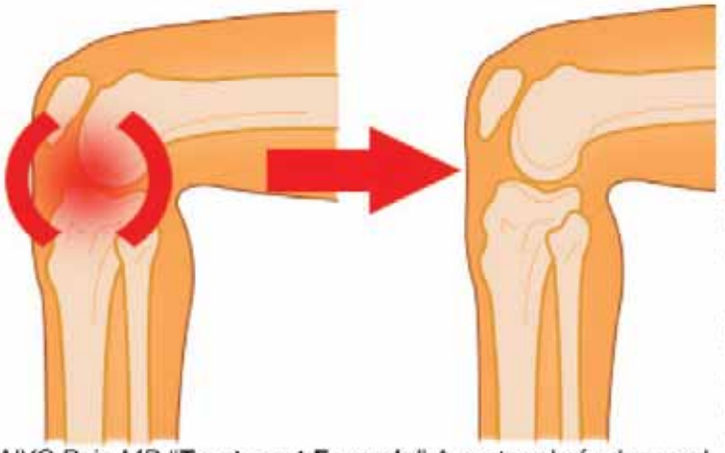

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‘Beethoven 250’ to celebrate the life of one of the world’s most important composers

The performance will take place at Carnegie Hall this Monday.
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It’s hard to imagine the work of any artist remaining resonant and important for nearly a quarter of a millenium. There’s a select few that come to mind and this month, Carnegie Hall will be celebrating the 249th birthday of one of these select influential creators: Ludwig Van Beethoven.

This Monday, Dec. 16, is Beethoven’s actual birthday and it will mark the kick off of this global celebration of one of the most important and influential composers the world has ever known. Shows will run into the new year at venues across the world but the very first performance to set the tone for what will be called “Beethoven 250” will be right here in New York at Carnegie Hall’s Stern Auditorium.

This show, produced by the Foundation for the Revival of Classical Culture, will bring together people from all of the world and of all ages for a performance of some of Beethoven’s most well-regarded and important works: the Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor; the Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat Major (“Emperor”) and the choral finale of the 9th Symphony, “Ode to Joy.” In addition to these works, the concert will begin with Johannes Brahms vocal work, “Nänie” (Op. 82), as a tribute to Beethoven, conducted by John Sigersen.

The show will be a who’s who of the classical world with acclaimed maestro Gerard Schwarz conducting the whole concert, stepping in for Jiang Jin Yi according to the Carnegie Hall website.. Schwarz is best known as Artistic and Music Director of Palm Beach Symphony. For this performance he will be joined by pianists Tian Jiang and Maryam Raya; vocal soloists Angela Renee Simpson, soprano; Mary Phillip, alto; Everett Suttle, tenor; and Kevin Short, bass; along with the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus, the Harlem Boys and Girls Alumni Chorus and the Yale Chinese choir. There will also be a large group of Korean singers and instrumentalists participating in the performance.

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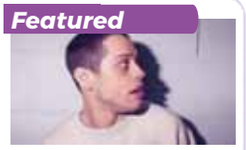

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Rick Porcello and the Mets agreed to a one-year, $10 million deal on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Mets add another starter in Porcello

Hours after signing Michael Wacha, the Mets add another No. 5 starter. What do they do now?

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Less than a day after bringing in Michael Wacha on a one-year deal, the Mets have signed veteran righty Rick Porcello, per multiple reports.

The deal is also for one year, worth $10 million.

Porcello will be looking to use the short-term deal and the move to the National League to prove that he can still be a serviceable starter in the majors.

Last season with the Boston Red Sox — a team he spent five years with — the 30-year-old had his worst campaign as a pro. In 32 starts (174.1 IP), he went 14-12 with a 5.52 ERA, 143 strikeouts and a 1.394 WHIP.

It's been a swift fall from grace for the New Jersey native, who won the American League Cy Young Award in 2016 after going 22-4 with a 3.15 ERA.

Like Porcello, Wacha is believed to be a reclamation project for the Mets.

The 28-year-old righty has yet to live up to the high expectations placed upon him when he broke into the majors as one of the St. Louis Cardinals' most highly-touted prospects in 2013.

In seven MLB seasons, Wacha is 59-39 with a 3.91 ERA. Last year he went 6-7 with a 4.76 ERA after returning from an oblique injury that cut his promising 2018 season short.

The Mets — who brought him in on a one-year, $3 million deal — will be hoping that Wacha can regain his stuff from two years ago when he went 8-2 in 15 starts with a 3.20 ERA.

Neither Wacha nor Porcello will jump off the page for a Mets team that still needs a sizable move or two to become legitimate contenders in the NL East. However, it does create some important depth within the starting rotation.

At least, that's what appears to be the case.

Wacha and Porcello competing for the No. 5 spot leaves an odd man out to fill in should the injury bug strike the Mets' impressive top four of Jacob deGrom, Noah Syndergaard, Marcus Stroman and Steven Matz.

It also allows the Mets to keep their most valuable bullpen arm in Seth Lugo in the bullpen rather than return him to the starting rotation.

But MLB Network insider Ken Rosenthal presented another avenue the Mets might explore after signing two starters in a matter of hours.

General manager Brodie Van Wagenen could trade one of his top four starters — along with an expiring contract like Jed Lowrie's — to address another important need like a legitimate starting center fielder.

Given the trade rumors over the past two years, the first candidate that comes to mind is Syndergaard.

If that were the case, the Mets would have to go big-game hunting if it means giving up a highly-regarded arm like Thor's.

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Yanks bring back Gardy

Bombers retain veteran outfielder for at least one more year.

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Brett Gardner is back with the Yankees. GETTY IMAGES

Brett Gardner is staying in the Bronx.

The New York Yankees have brought back the veteran outfielder on a one-year, $12.5 million deal with a $10 million option in 2021, per ESPN's Jeff Passan. The contract also includes a $2.5 million buyout option.

Gardner's retention further improves his chances of becoming a part of the limited Yankees-lifer club. The 36-year-old has been with the club since making his MLB debut in 2008.

The first game he appears in during the 2020 season will be his 1,500th with the team. Only 17 players in franchise history have played in that many games.

Following the 2019 season — his 12th with the club — Gardner was believed to be on his way out as he became a free agent before the two sides picked up momentum toward a new contract this week.

Gardner is coming off one of his best offensive seasons as a pro, mashing a career-high 28 home runs along with 74 RBIs. He had only eclipsed the 20 home run mark once in his career before 2019.

His return allows the Yankees to bring him back into the starting fold in left field. That ensures Giancarlo Stanton can be the full-time DH considering his outfield defense has been suspect at times.

Expect Mike Tauchman or the enigmatic Clint Frazier to compete for backup time if the Yankees don't make any other moves to address their outfield depth.

Yanks' sights set on Hader

GETTY IMAGES

The Yankees don't seem to be done wheeling and dealing following the Gerrit Cole deal.

According to The Athletic's Ken Rosenthal on Thursday, the Yankees have been "the most active pursuer" of Milwaukee Brewers star closer Josh Hader.

Milwaukee has dangled Hader on the trade market since November in an attempt to address other glaring needs within its roster. Because they're a small market team, the deck has and always will be stacked against them during free agency.

It makes the trade market their best chance at making necessary improvements, though a necessary byproduct is making the tough decisions to part with already-top tier talents.

Hader is the two-time defending Trevor Hoffman Award winner as the National League's top reliever.

In his three MLB seasons, the 25-year-old owns a 2.42 ERA with a 0.850 WHIP and 349 strikeouts in 204.2 innings.

He has been one of the most worked relievers, though, over the past two seasons. Only Yusmeiro Petit has thrown more innings since the start of 2018 than Hader's 168.

The Yankees' interest shows their intent to further bolster an already-impressive bullpen.

They relied heavily on their relievers last season, which included key contributions from Aroldis Chapman, Zack Britton, Adam Ottavino, Chad Green and Tommy Kahnle.

Dellin Betances seems to already have one foot out of the door as the free agent has been linked with the crosstown Mets this week.

Hader would be a healthy, proven replacement for Betances while adding another lefty alongside Chapman and Britton. New York's depth in the pen will also prevent Hader from being overused.

The asking price for Hader is expected to be high considering he is also under team control through the 2023 season. That means the Yankees would have to give up a considerable amount of talent — whether it be an infielder after the Brewers parted ways with Eric Thames, Travis Shaw and Mike Moustakas or prospects to replenish the team's thin farm system.

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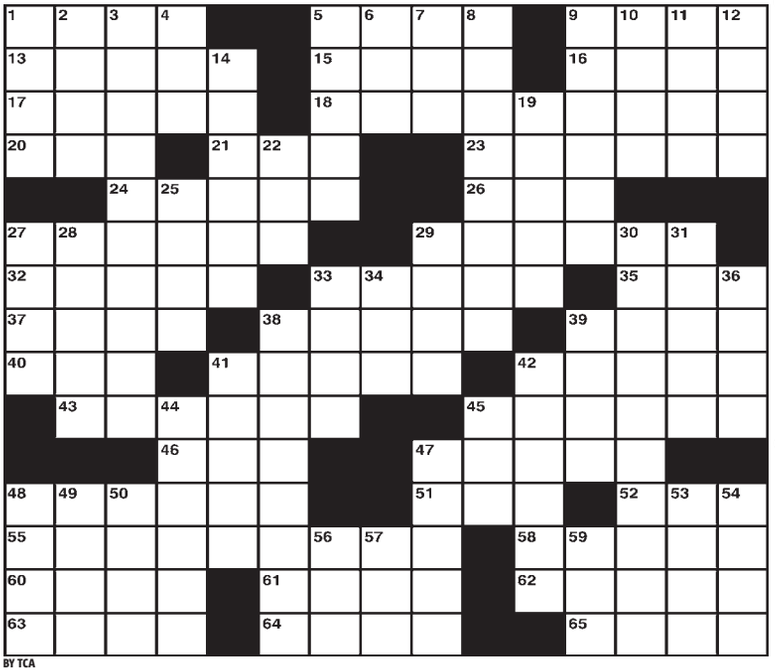

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Aries A steady pace forward will bring the best results. Don't let others' activities slow you down or cause you concern.

Taurus Get-togethers will give you a chance to catch up with someone you haven't seen for a while. The information you share will offer insight into something that interests you.

Gemini Focus on accomplishing what you set out to do. Add extra detail to your work or try to get ahead to ease stress.

Cancer Don't let your emotions take the reins. Surround yourself with people you love, or attend an event that offers good food, laughs and entertainment.

Leo Take care of money matters and stick to a strict budget.

Virgo Generosity and kindness are always welcome, but don't let anyone take advantage of you.

Libra Don't overspend on an item that isn't worth the price. Take time to rest and organize what you have left to do before the year comes to a close.

Scorpio Follow your gut when dealing with people and propositions. A lifestyle change looks promising.

Sagittarius Invest in yourself, not in someone else. Don't let anyone sidetrack you or cost you money.

Capricorn Emotional matters will surface. Don't let anger set in when understanding is what's required.

Aquarius Don't let the actions of others bother you. If you go about your business and accomplish your goals, you will feel better about your life and the direction you are headed in.

Pisces Take time to regenerate. Getting together with someone who brings out the best in you will make you feel good. Romance and personal pampering are encouraged.

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